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1. The Forschungsanstalt-Elektrochemischer Stromquellen<sup>1</sup> existed from 1946 to December 1949 in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, Sedanstrasse (now called Bruno Buergetweg) 69, on premises formerly belonging to the Pertrix battery plant. In the early stages, the Forschungsanstalt was called Technical Bureau for Galvanic Elements of the Soviet Ministry for Electrical Industry. Chief of the Forschungsanstalt was (fnu) Tomashevsky.

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2. Tomashevsky had one Soviet assistant, (fnu) Sidorenko, an army officer. When Tomashevsky left the Forschungsanstalt at the end of 1949, an NKVD Major from the OSW plant moved in and spent about two months liquidating the shop. This Major had been a good friend of Tomashevsky.

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3. The Forschungsanstalt was staffed by about 25 Germans, including one battery specialist from the Pertrix Battery Plant. Its assignment was to study German inventions in the field of batteries and to develop specific batteries on Soviet orders. Some of the batteries made here were tested at an address in the Warschauerstrasse, East Berlin, at temperature of minus 30 or 40 degrees centigrade. At one point, an unidentified officer from Babelsberg ordered the development of a small, round battery of 21 volts covered with Agelit. This was allegedly to be used in the very sensitive devices which were rumored to have been Geiger counters.

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Pilot models of the batteries were developed at the Forschungsanstalt and then made in quantity at the Pertrix plant in East Berlin. For each battery-type developed, pilot models and complete plans were always shipped to Moscow.

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